



## STATE of MINNESOTA

# Proclamation

- WHEREAS: Minnesota's park and trail system has grown since 1891 to include 67 state parks, 9 state recreation areas, 13 state trails, and 2 state forest campgrounds and day-use areas; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota State Parks are wildly popular and receive more than 10 million visitors each year; and
- WHEREAS: State Parks are conveniently located across the state – within 30 miles of almost all Minnesotans; and
- WHEREAS: Research shows that spending time in nature has many health benefits; and
- WHEREAS: Minnesota State Parks offer a variety of year-round activities that families and friends can enjoy together; and
- WHEREAS: More than two-thirds of Minnesotans who visit a State Park make a return visit; and
- WHEREAS: The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources will waive the State Park entrance fee for Friday, November 24, 2017.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARK DAYTON, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Friday, November 24, 2017, as:

## FREE PARK FRIDAY

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 7<sup>th</sup> day of November.

Handwritten signature of Mark Dayton in black ink.

GOVERNOR

Handwritten signature of Tina Smith in black ink.

LT. GOVERNOR